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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REQUEST TO RTG FOR B-52 ENTRY TO
U-TAPAO

1. USAF AIR STAFF HAS QUERIED DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE
FEASIBILITY OF REQUESTING FROM THE RTG PERMISSION FOR A
B-52 TRAINING FLIGHT TO LAND AT U-TAPAO SOMETIME IN MID-
OCTOBER AND REMAIN FOR TWO DAYS. THE PURPOSE OF THE
VISIT WOULD BE FOR "HANDS-ON" TRAINING FOR MAINTENANCE
PERSONNEL WHO REMAIN AT U-TAPAO AND FOR FAMILIARIZATION
FOR FIRE FIGHTING CREWS.

2. ASIDE FROM WHETHER THE RTG WOULD GRANT SUCH PER-
MISSION, IT WOULD SEEM TO US THAT GIVEN THE VISABILITY
OF THE AIRCRAFT AND THE PRESENCE OF JOURNALISTIC IN-
FORMANTS AT U-TAPAO (BANGKOK 15595), THE ARRIVAL OF A
B-52 AFTER THE FANFARE WHICH HERALDED THEIR FINAL DE-
PARTURE COULD RECEIVE CONSIDERABLE PRESS PLAY DELETERI-
OUS TO BOTH RTG AND US INTERESTS.

3. BEFORE TAKING A POSITION ON THIS PROPOSAL WE WOULD
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